

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/431,737

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Thomas K Pham

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed 4/15/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 November 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 7/21/03 & 4/15/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 7/21/2003 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 3/31/2003. By reading through all the documents submitted on the IDS, examiner could not see a reason that prevents the present application from being patentable. However, these documents can not be consider by the examiner because they are internal communication documents. Since the documents are not published, they are not qualified to appear on the face of a patent. See MPEP Rules 37 CFR 1.98. "Content of information disclosure statement".

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 4/15/2004 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 3/31/2003. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner with the exception of some duplicated documents.

Reasons for Allowance

3. Claims 1-11 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

While PowerSys is a Windows 3.1 Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE) server application which can transfer real-time data between supported devices and any Windows DDE client application.

And PEGASys is a Windows NT object-oriented software capable of supporting some Intelligent Electronic Devices used for power monitoring.

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Neither of these documents or any of the patents and documents submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements taken either alone or in combination discloses a method and device for generating a switchgear elevation window indicative of the actual switch gear having all the claimed features of applicant's instant invention, specifically including: "selecting and locating a graphical presentation of a cabinet utility; selecting a graphical representation of one or more hardware utilities; locating said hardware utilities in said window at the same relative position on said cabinet utility as the actual switchgear; and locating said plurality of power monitoring or control device utilities in said window at the same relative positions on said cabinet utility as the actual switchgear". Also, there is no motivation to combine the references to meet these limitations. It is for these reasons that applicant's invention defines over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner *Thomas Pham*; whose telephone number is (571) 272-3689, Monday to Thursday from 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM EST or contact Supervisor *Mr. Anthony Knight* at (571) 272-3687.

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